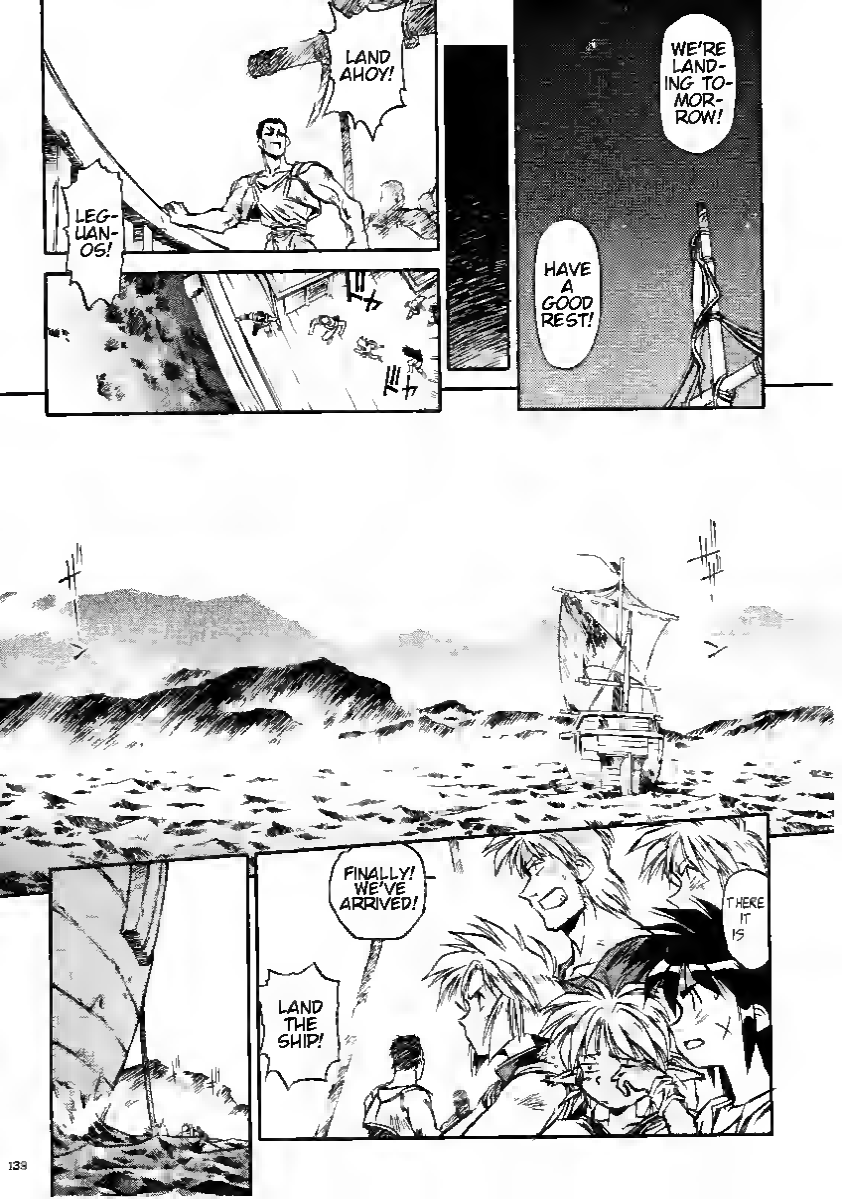
TEMPLE OF DARKNESS: PART 1


WE'RE LANDING TOMORROW!
HAVE A GOOD REST!
LAND AHOY!
LEGUANOS!
FINALLY! WE'VE ARRIVED!
THERE IT IS
LAND THE SHIP!

I WONDER IF THIS IS ALSO THE WORK OF LUGDULL?
WHAT'S WITH THIS CREEPY FOG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SOUL OUT HERE

HE SHROUDED THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY IN THIS STRANGE FOG, I'M SURE OF IT!
THIS IS HIS DOING!
COULD LUGDULL NOW BE SO POWERFUL THAT HE CAN MAKE EVERY-ONE IN THE ENTIRE CONTINENT DISAPPEAR?
WHAT A SCARY THOUGHT...
THAT DAMNED LUG-DULL...
ANYWAY, LET'S MOVE ON TO ALACARUA CASTLE!
I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE SO LUCKY TO CATCH HIM THERE, BUT WE MIGHT FIND A CLUE AT LEAST.
...?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE'LL FIND A CLUE?

THAT MAN SAID...
DON'T YOU RE-MEM-BER?
CHASE ME A WHILE LONGER.
IF YOU CARE TO SEE MERIA AGAIN!
COME TO THINK OF IT
FOLLOW ME...
AND FALL INTO DESPAIR!
LUGDULL WAS EAGER FOR ME TO CHASE HIM.
HE MUST HAVE SOME HORRIBLE DISPLAY READY FOR ME... SOMETHING TO LURE ME IN!
HOLD UP! IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR PLAN IS TO WALK STRAIGHT INTO THAT OLD MAN'S TRAP!
YES, BUT...
WE MUST CATCH UP TO HIM QUICKLY!
TCH! DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF?
YOU CAN'T JUST ATTACK HIM HEAD ON! HE'LL TEAR YOU APART!

THAT TRUE, GIRLIE? WELL THAT'S A RELIEF!
WELL, ABOUT THAT
WE'LL BE FINE! IHRIE CAN USE HIGH MAGIC TO EVEN THE ODDS AGAINST HIM!
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HEY, CUT IT OUT!
IF YOU WANT US TO CRUSH SOMEONE HEAD ON, IT'S NO PROBLEM!
I HAVE TO ADMIT, SO AM I.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE USELESS BECAUSE OF YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP, BUT IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE SKILLED WITH MAGIC!
WE'LL TRY TO STAY OUT OF YOUR HAIR, GIRLIE!
THIS... COULD BE BAD...
WE MIGHT WRAP THIS UP SOONER THAN I THOUGHT!

I SHOULD JUST KEEP MY TRAP SHUT IF I CAN HELP IT.
NOT GOOD... AT FIRST I THOUGHT MY MAGIC WOULD BE OKAY...
BUT I'M WORRIED WE'RE BEING TOO RECKLESS HERE...
HEY, PRINCE! WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OF THESE CLUES OF YOURS!
WE'LL DEFINITELY FIND ONE!
WE'RE NOT LEAVING THIS PLACE UNTIL WE FIND ONE!
LYLE!
!!

M... MERIA?
LYLE!! LYLE, SAVE ME!!
HURRY, BEFORE LUGDULL RETURNS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THAT'S THE PRINCESS WE'RE AFTER, RIGHT?
HEY!
SHIT!
W-WAIT!
HURRY UP AND SAVE HER!
WRONG. SOME-THING'S WRONG!

..!?
YOU OKAY?
IT'S HIM!!?
IT'S...
WE MEET AGAIN...
LYLE!!

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I THOUGHT I COULD CONTINUE MY PACE FROM THE TANKOUBON CHAPTERS, WITH ONE "PART" EVERY 2-3 WEEKS, BUT WITHOUT A SPANISH TRANSLATION TO FALL BACK ON, IT HAS TAKEN EXPONENTIALLY MORE EFFORT FOR ME TO TRANSLATE. IT ALSO DOESN'T HELP THAT THE SCANS I'M USING ARE LOW QUALITY, AND IT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IDENTIFY MORE COMPLEX CHARACTERS. I WOULD LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON THE SPECIAL PLUS ONE DAY AND MAKE SCANS MYSELF, BUT UNTIL THEN, THIS KIND OF QUALITY IS JUST SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH.